

another fishing location not closer than 5 n miles distant.<sup>1</sup> The fishing vessel shall not fish within 5 n miles of location in which the catch of species, other than the target species, exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.<sup>2</sup>

8. For the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) the Catch Reporting System set out in Conservation measure 40/X shall apply in the 1995/96 season; and

(ii) the Monthly Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 52/XI also shall apply in the 1995/96 season. For the purposes of Conservation Measure 52/XI, the target species is *Electrona carlsbergi*, and 'by-catch species' are defined as any cephalopod, crustacean or fish species other than *Electrona carlsbergi*. For the purposes of paragraph 6(ii) of Conservation Measure 52/XI a representative sample shall be a minimum of 500 fish.

#### Conservation Measure 97/XIV

Limitation of the Total Catch of *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1995/96 Season

The Commission adopted this Conservation Measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. The total catch of *Champscephalus gunnari* in the 1995/96 season shall not exceed 1 000 tonnes in Statistical Subarea 48.3.

2. The fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall close if the by-catch of any of the species listed in Conservation Measure 95/XIV reaches its by-catch limit or if the total catch of *Champscephalus gunnari* reaches 1 000 tonnes, whichever comes first.

3. If, in the course of the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari*, the by-catch in any one haul of any of the species named in Conservation Measure 95/XIV exceeds 5%, the fishing vessel shall move to another location not closer than 5 n miles distant.<sup>1</sup> The fishing vessel shall not fish within 5 n miles of the location in which the by-catch exceeded 5%, for a period of at least five days.<sup>2</sup>

4. The use of bottom trawls in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 is prohibited.

5. The fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 shall

be closed from 1 April 1996 until the end of the Commission meeting in 1996.

6. Any vessel of any Member intending to participate in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 during the 1995/96 season shall be required to undertake a scientific survey carried out in accordance with the survey design specified in the Draft Manual for Bottom Trawl Surveys in the Convention Area (SC-CAMLR-XI, Annex 5, Appendix H, Attachment E). A list of proposed trawl survey stations shall be transmitted to the Executive Secretary at least one month before the start of the survey.

7. Each vessel participating in the directed fishery for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Subarea 48.3 in the 1995/96 season shall have a scientific observer, appointed in accordance with the CCAMLR Scheme of International Scientific Observation, on board throughout all fishing activities within the fishing period.

8. For the purpose of implementing paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Conservation Measure:

(i) the Five-day Catch and Effort Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 51/XII shall apply in the 1995/96 season; and

(ii) the Effort and Biological Data Reporting System set out in Conservation Measure 98/XIV shall apply for *Champscephalus gunnari*.

#### Conservation Measure 97/XIV

Effort and Biological Data Reporting System for *Champscephalus gunnari* in Statistical Subarea 48.3 in the 1995/96 Season

This Conservation measure is adopted in accordance with Conservation Measure 7/V:

1. At the end of each Contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels the haul-by-haul data required to complete the CCAMLR fine-scale catch and effort data form for trawl fisheries (Form C1, latest version). It shall transmit those data to the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the following month,

2. At the end of each month, each contracting Party shall obtain from each of its vessels a representative sample of length composition measurements from the fishery (Form B2, latest version). It shall transmit those data to the Executive Secretary not later than the end of the following month.

3. for the purpose of implementing this Conservation Measure:

(i) length measurements of fish should be of total length to the nearest centimeter below; and

(ii) representative samples of length composition should be taken from a

single fishing ground.<sup>1</sup> In the event that the vessel moves from one fishing ground to another during the course of a month, then separate length compositions should be submitted for each fishing ground.

4. Should a Contracting Party fail to transmit the fine-scale catch and effort data or length composition data to the Executive Secretary by the deadline specified in paragraph 2, the Executive Secretary shall issue a reminder to the Contracting Party. If at the end of a further two months those data have still not been provided the Executive Secretary shall notify all contracting parties of the closure of the fishery to vessels of the Contracting Party which has failed to supply the data as required.

R. Tucker Scully,

Director, Office of Oceans Affairs.

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#### [Public Notice No. 2300]

#### Shipping Coordinating Committee, Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution; Notice of Meeting

The Subcommittee for the Prevention of Marine Pollution (SPMP), a subcommittee of the Shipping Coordinating Committee, will conduct an open meeting on January 3, 1996, at 9:30 AM in Room 2415 of U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC.

The purpose of this meeting will be to inform the public of the accomplishments at the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) 37, to discuss what will be on the Agenda at MEPC 38, and set forth a strategy for establishing the U.S. position on these issues. MEPC 38 will take place from July 1-10, 1996 in London, England.

The major items for discussion will be the following:

1. The adoption of amendments to Annex V of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 (MARPOL 73/78) to require placards, garbage management plans and record keeping on ships;

<sup>1</sup> Pending the provision of a more important definition, the term fishing ground is defined here as the area within a single fine-scale grid rectangle (0.5° latitude by 1° longitude).

<sup>1</sup> This provision is adopted pending the adoption of a more appropriate definition of a fishing ground by the Commission.

<sup>2</sup> The specified period is adopted in accordance with the reporting period specified in Conservation Measure 51/XII, pending the adoption of a more appropriate period by the Commission.

2. The approval of a draft Assembly resolution on follow-up action to the U.N. Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED);

3. The adoption of an MEPC resolution on Guidelines on the Application of the Precautionary Approach;

4. Plans for a special meeting of entities involved with the carriage of materials subject to the Irradiated Nuclear Fuel (INF) Code;

5. The proposed new Annex VI to MARPOL on prevention of air pollution from ships;

6. The future work of the committee on "The Human Element";

7. Port State Control procedures;

8. Unwanted aquatic organisms in ballast water; and

9. The work plan for the international Convention on Oil Pollution, Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) intersessional meeting which will take place from 27 February—1 March 1996 in London, England.

For further information or documentation pertaining to the SPMP meeting, contact Lieutenant Commander Ray Perry, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters (G-MOS-4), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001, Telephone: (202) 267-2714, Facsimile: (202) 267-4690.

Dated: December 1, 1995.

Richard T. Miller,

*Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.*

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## TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

### SES Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Trade and Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the appointment of members of the Trade and Development Agency's Performance Review Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deirdre E. Curley, Assistant Director for Management Trade and Development Agency, State Annex-16, Room 309, Washington, D.C. 20523-1602, (703) 875-4357.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c) (1) through (5), U.S.C. requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personal Management, one or more SES performance review boards. The board shall review and evaluate the

initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following have been selected as acting members of the Performance Review Board of the Trade and Development Agency: Jessalyn L. Pendarvis, Director of Equal Opportunity Programs, Agency for International Development; James D. Murphy, Deputy Director Office of Procurement, Agency for International Development; and Edward Dragon, former Regional Legal Advisor, Senior Foreign Service, Agency for International Development.

Dated: December 6, 1995.

Deirdre E. Curley,

*Assistant Director for Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition From Robert G. Gingher

This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition submitted to the NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162(a)(2).

In August 1995, Mr. Robert G. Gingher petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue an order concerning the notification and remedy of a defect in certain 1987 through 1993 Taurus, Sable, and Continental model vehicles, produced by the Ford Motor Company, because of an alleged defect in the design of the steering system tie rods. Specifically, Mr. Gingher alleges that the tie rods can break, causing loss of control of the vehicle, and that accidents have occurred because of this failure. The petitioner proposes that these vehicles be recalled and that their tie rods be replaced by a more recently designed tie rod.

This matter was the subject of an investigation by NHTSA (EA94-008) which was closed on February 27, 1995. The results of that investigation did not indicate that a safety-related defect trend existed. As a result, that investigation was closed.

Mr. Gingher bases his petition on several allegations. First, he infers that the replacement parts sales indicate a high rate of occurrence of the alleged safety defect. This is not necessarily correct because of the existence of more than one failure mode for the part. The investigation showed that fracture of the

tie rod was the only failure mode that had any potential safety consequence, that fracture was a rare occurrence in service, and that the tie rods were far more likely to have been replaced because of wear, which had no identified safety consequence. Accordingly, replacement parts sales do not accurately reflect the number of occurrences of this alleged defect.

Second, Mr. Gingher states that "the VRTC did not evaluate steering degradation." The Vehicle Research and Test Center did, in fact, evaluate steering performance degradation in several driving maneuvers, including straight ahead stopping, various right and left hand constant radius turns, low speed steering maneuvers, and several collision avoidance maneuvers. In only one condition, the double lane change maneuver, was the steering performance of the vehicle degraded with a separated tie rod.

Mr. Gingher has not presented any new information which was not already considered by the agency during its previous investigation. Accordingly, there is no reason to reopen the investigation. Thus, after considering all of the issues raised by this petition, recognizing the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, the agency has decided to deny the petition.

Issued on: December 7, 1995.

Michael B. Brownlee,

*Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Public Comment Request: Certification of Training, Notice of Intent To Employ a Veteran, Employer's Application for Approval of a Job Training Program, and Application for a Certificate of Eligibility; VA Forms 22-8929, 22-8930, 22-8931, and 22-8932

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for